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SUBJECT: TITO AND THE YUGOSLAVS AT JAJCE

1. PARTY AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS GATHERED NOVEMBER 28 AND 29 AT JACE, THE SITE IN CENTRAL BOSNIA WHERE THE SECOND ANTIFASCIST COUNCIL OF NATIONAL LIBERATION OF YUGOSLAVIA (AVNOJ) GATHERED 30 YEARS AGO TO PROCLAIM THE TITOIST FEDERATION. ALL THE SURVIVING ORIGINAL "COUNSELORS" AT AVNOJ (THAT IS THOS WHO HAVE NOT BECOM POLITICAL UNPERSONS LIKE DJILAS AND RANKOVIC) WERE DESCRIBED AS IN ATTENDANCE. CHIEFS OF DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS IN BELGRADE -- SHADES OF LAWRENCE DURELL'S "ESPRIT DE CORPS" -- TRAVELLED TO JAJCE TOGETHER ON A SPECIAL TRAIN.

2. ON TELEVISION TITO LOOKED FIT AND HIS STEP SEEMED FIRM. HOWEVER HE STUMBLED THROUGHT HIS PREPARED TEXT IN A LACKADAISICAL PERFORMANCE WHICH SEEMED CURIOUSLY OUT OF STEP WITH THE EMOTIONAL FEVER PITCH WHICH HAD BEEN WHIPPED UP AROUND THE EVENT IN GENERAL AND HIS PERSON IN PARTICULAR. TITO NEVER HAS BEEN GOOD AT READING SPEACHES,  
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BUT THIS PERFORMANCES WAS BELOW EVEN HIS USUAL STANDARD AS HE

STUMBLED OVER LONG WORDS, FREQUENTLY LOST HIS PLACE, AND SEVERAL TIME FOUGHT WITH HIS SCRIPT AT PAGE-TURNING TIME.

3. IN SUBSTANCE THE SPEECH WAS UNREMARKABLE. HE TRACED THE COURSE OF THE YUGOSLAV "NATIONAL LIBERATION STRUGGLE", GIVU BALANCED CREDIT AT THE APPROPRIATE POINT TO THE THE ROLE OF THE RED ARMY AND THE WESTERN ALLIES IN THE DOWNFALL OF FASCISM. IN THE FOREIGN POLICY SECTION HE TRACED THE ORIGINS OF THE COLD WAR, BUT SAID THAT NOW THAT IT IS GIVING WAY TO RELAXATION OF TENSION "REACTIONARY FORCES AND INTERNATIONAL IMPERIALISM ARE USING ALL POSSIBLE MEANS TO OPPOSE" THE HISTORICAL TRENDS OF NATIONAL LIBERATION, SOCIAL PROGRESS, AND THE SPREAD OF SOCIALISM. SAYING THAT THE STRUGGLE OF MANY PEOPLES, "ESPECIALLY IN VIETNAM AND CAMBODIA", HAS SHOWN THAT NO ARMED FORCE CAN BREAK "A PEOPLE DETERMINED TO FIGHT FOR FREEDOM", TITO WENT ON TO CITE VIETNAM AND THE MIDDLE EAST AS AREAS WHERE "AGGRESSION CONTINUES TO BE A DANGEROUS WEAPON OF IMPERIALISM AND COLONIALISM."

4. RE VIETNAM, HE REFERRED TO THE "AGGRESSIVE ATTEMPTS TO DETRACT FROM THE HISTORICAL VICTORY OF THE HEROIC VIETNAMESE AND INDOCHINESE PEOPLES BY BRUTALLY VIOLATING THE PARIS AGREEMENTS AND FORCIBLY KEEPING IN POWER THE PUPPET REGIME IN PNOMH PENH."

5. ON THE MIDDLE EAST, TITO CALLED THE SITUATION STILL "MURKY AND DANGEROUS" AND USING THE STANDARD FORMULA, SAID LASTING AND JUST SOLUTION IS POSSIBLE ONLY ON THE BASIS OF "ISRAEL'S IMMEDIATE WITHDRAWAL FROM ALL OCCUPIED ARAB TERRITORIES, THE ATTAINMENT OF THE LEGITIMATE NATIONAL RIGHTS OF THE ARAB NATION OF PALESTINE, AND THE STRICT IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS."

6. THE CHARISMATIC TITO SHOWED THROUGH ONLY AT THE END OF THE PERFORMANCE WHEN HE WAS PRESENTED WITH A PLAQUE CITING HIS ACHIEVEMENTS AND ASKING, IN THE NAME OF ALL THE WORKING PEOPLE, THAT HE REMAIN PRESIDENT FOR LIFE. IN A SOMEWHAT EMOTIONAL RESPONSE TITO SAID THIS SEEMED TO HIM A DIFFICULT THING. PRESIDENTS MUST WORK AND BE CONTINUALLY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ACTIVE, HE CONTINUED, AND THEN HE ASKED RHETORICALLY WHETHER A MAN COULD BE EQUALLY ACTIVE ALL THE YEARS OF HIS LIFE. THERE IS GRUMBLING, HE SAID, IF A MAN WORKS POORLY, AND PEOPLE WOULD SAY "WHAT IS HE DOING". TITO CONCLUDED THAT HE WAS DEEPLY HONORED, AND WOULD SAY THAT "AS LONG AS I CAN, I SHALL STRAIN ALL MY MENTAL AND PHYSICAL POWERS TO SATISFY WHAT THE PEOPLE EXPECT OF ME." WHICH LEFT THE QUESTION RIGHT WHERE IT WAS.

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